



# Town of Groton, Connecticut

## Meeting Agenda

### Town Council

45 Fort Hill Road  
Groton, CT 06340-4394  
Town Clerk 860-441-6640  
Town Manager 860-441-6630

*Mayor Heather Bond Somers, Councilors Dean G. Antipas, Bruce S. Flax, Bill Johnson, Karen F. Morton, Deborah L. Peruzzotti, Rita M. Schmidt, James L. Streeter, and Harry A. Watson*

Tuesday, May 07, 2013

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

### REGULAR MEETING

#### I. ROLL CALL

#### II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

#### III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2013-0097	Proclamation Recognizing National Arbor Day	Proclamation - TC
2013-0105	Proclamation Recognizing Earth Day	Proclamation - TC
2013-0127	Proclamation Celebrating Opening Day of Baseball Season	Proclamation - TC
2013-0129	Proclamation Celebrating Comcast Cares Day	Proclamation - TC
2013-0130	Proclamation Recognizing the Mystic GeoHistorian Project	Proclamation - TC

#### IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

This is the portion of the Council Agenda where the Council welcomes comments from citizens. Each presentation should be limited to five (5) minutes or less, and citizens should, if possible, submit written comments. Presentations should be related to matters pertinent to Groton. Town Councilors will only ask questions in order to clarify the speaker's presentation and can respond during the Responses to Citizens' Petitions portion of the Town Council meeting. Citizens should make their presentations from the lectern and state their names and addresses for the record.

#### V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

#### VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under Item VI (Consent Calendar) are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion of these items will take place, unless cause is shown prior to the time Council votes on the motion to adopt.

##### a. Approval of Minutes

2013-0133	Approval of Minutes (Town Council)	Resolution - Consent
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RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meetings of April 16, 2013 and April 23, 2013 are hereby accepted and approved.

##### b. Administrative Items

2013-0123	Special Trust Fund Contributions	Resolution - Consent
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RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTION TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts contributions to the Town as follows:  
Anonymous - \$40.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Charles Rogers - \$35.00 - Social Services Discretionary  
 Lee Vincent - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary  
 The Sunup Foundation - \$10,000 - Library Miscellaneous  
 Mystic Photography Group - \$25.00 - Library Miscellaneous  
 City of Groton Matching Funds - \$27.21 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Frank and Margaret Adams - \$100.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Anonymous - \$1.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Joseph and Arlene Atwood - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Angelo and Jeannette Baruffa - \$5.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Audrey Burgess - \$3.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Kay Chester - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 David and Veronica Cousens - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Richard Davies - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Joan Feeney - \$75.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Barbara Gay - \$100.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Ines Granville - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 David Heid - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Hickey Family - \$30.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Kay Janney - \$35.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Jean Kennedy - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Bruce and Nancy Labelle - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Anna Marie Landry - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Clifton Martelle - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Helen Moore - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Barbara and Linwood Navarro - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Donald O'Neil - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Patricia Pearce - \$60.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Thomas Powden - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Anne Marie Quagliaroli - \$15.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 James and Ann Sailors - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Bruce Shipman - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Nidia and Bernard Somers - \$2.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

#### **c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List**

<b>2012-0146</b>	<b>Ordinance Changing and Redefining the Voting Districts</b>	<b>Referral</b>
<b>2012-0220</b>	<b>Review of Ordinance No. 135 - Consumption of Alcohol at Town Sponsored Events</b>	<b>Referral</b>
<b>2013-0093</b>	<b>FYE 2014 Proposed Budget Deliberations</b>	<b>Referral</b>
<b>2013-0098</b>	<b>Recreation Trails Grant - Tri-Town Trail</b>	<b>Referral</b>
<b>2013-0103</b>	<b>Lighting at Calvin Burrows Field</b>	<b>Referral</b>
<b>2013-0113</b>	<b>Naming of Town-Owned Land Tract Thomas Road</b>	<b>Referral</b>
<b>2013-0120</b>	<b>Cable Television Advisory Council of Southeastern Connecticut Grant</b>	<b>Referral</b>
<b>2013-0124</b>	<b>Historic Documents Preservation Grant (2014)</b>	<b>Referral</b>
<b>2013-0131</b>	<b>Public Hearing on Proposed Lease for Cell Tower on Gary Court</b>	<b>Referral</b>
<b>2013-0132</b>	<b>Referral of Lease of Town-Owned Property on Gary Court to Planning Commission Under CGS Section 8-24</b>	<b>Referral</b>

## **VII. COMMUNICATION REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)**

### **a. Town Councilors**

b. Clerk of the Representative Town Meeting

c. Clerk of the Council

d. Town Manager

e. Town Attorney

## VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Community & Cultural Development - Chairman Schmidt

b. Economic Development - Chairman Johnson

c. Education/Health & Social Services - Chairman Watson

d. Environment/Energy - Chairman Peruzzotti

e. Finance - Chairman Morton

f. Personnel/Appointments/Rules - Chairman Flax

g. Public Safety - Chairman Streeter

h. Public Works/Recreation - Chairman Antipas

i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Somers

## IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## X. NEW BUSINESS

**2013-0098 Recreation Trails Grant - Tri-Town Trail**

**Referral**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SUBMIT A RECREATION TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE TRI-TOWN TRAIL (BLUFF POINT TO PRESTON TRAIL)

WHEREAS, the Tri-Town Trail Committee was established in 2008 to plan a hiking and biking trail between Bluff Point in Groton and the Town of Preston, and

WHEREAS, grants are available through the Recreational Trails Program to support regional trail development, and

WHEREAS, the Tri-Town Trail Committee has requested that the Town of Groton apply for a grant in an amount up to \$200,000 to establish a section of trail from Bluff Point to the I-95 Underpass on Route 117, and

WHEREAS, the Tri-Town Trail Committee has indicated that it will be responsible for obtaining the 20% match required by the grant (up to \$40,000), now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger is authorized to submit a grant application to the State of Connecticut under the Recreational Trails Program in an amount up to \$200,000 for a section of the Bluff Point to Preston Trail.

### Legislative History

3/28/2013	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
4/23/2013	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

*Councilor Antipas noted that Groton Utilities has objected to use of the watershed lands for a trail system.*

*Mark Berry, Director of Parks and Recreation, noted that is the preferred option for the tri-town trail, but other alternates are being considered*

**2013-0103     Lighting at Calvin Burrows Field**

**Referral**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INSTALLING LIGHTS AT CALVIN BURROWS FIELD AND PAYING OPERATIONAL COSTS**

WHEREAS, Groton Little League is proposing to install lighting at the Calvin Burrows Field on South Road, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton has been asked to fund the cost of electricity to operate the lights which has been estimated at \$1,000 per year, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council expresses its support for the lighting project with operation costs paid by the Town.

**Legislative History**

**4/5/2013             Mayor                                     Referred                                     Town Council Committee of th**

**4/23/2013             Town Council Committee of     Recommended for a**  
**the Whole                                     Resolution**

*Bill Kelly from Groton Little League was present along with Mark Berry, Director of Parks and Recreation. Mr. Kelly noted that the league plays in some facilities that are less than adequate and they would like to light the Calvin Burrows Field to extend playing time and allow more teams to use the field. The league is working with Parks and Recreation and Groton Utilities, and will do fundraising to pay for the lights. Mr. Kelly is asking the Town to absorb the electric costs that would be borne once the lights are installed (about \$1,000 annually). Mr. Kelly stated that the league has not approached nearby homeowners yet, but the lights are directed and will only light the field. Mr. Kelly has approached the airport and FAA is not concerned. The project will have to go through the permitting process.*

*Town Manager Oefinger asked who will install the lights and Mr. Kelly stated professionals will install the fixtures and Groton Utilities will assist with the electrical connections. The Town Manager stated that the Town will have to be involved in the permitting process and make sure that property owners are protected. Mr. Kelly stated that he expects to have fairly accurate estimates of the cost to operate the lights.*

**4/23/2013             Town Council Committee of     Motion**  
**the Whole**

*to express support for the Calvin Burrows Field lighting project with the lighting operation costs to be paid by the Town.*

*Mr. Kelly noted that the lights are controlled completely through a web-based scheduler and the lighting company monitors the lights as part of their maintenance plan. Little League curfew rules would apply to use of the field*

**2013-0113     Naming of Town-Owned Land Tract Thomas Road**

**Referral**

**RESOLUTION NAMING THE TOWN-OWNED TRACT OF LAND ON THOMAS ROAD**

WHEREAS, the Town recently acquired three parcels of land along Thomas Road from the Spicer family, and

WHEREAS, the property contains a number of unique conservation and ecological features including a tidal estuary, woodlands that provide good habitat and cover for wildlife, a five acre fresh water pond, and a vernal pool, and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission Procedures and Guidelines approved by the Town Council authorize the Commission "to review, approve and recommend for Town Council action naming and renaming of Town parks and recreation facilities," and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the history of the parcel and its ecological features and recommended that the property be named the William C. Spicer, Jr. Conservation Area, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council names the Town-owned tract of land on Thomas Road the William C. Spicer, Jr. Conservation Area.

**Legislative History**

4/11/2013 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

4/23/2013 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

*Mark Berry, Director of Parks and Recreation, noted the one dissenting vote on the Parks and Recreation Commission was due to the length of the name. The Spicer family had hoped the area would be named as proposed*

**2013-0120 Cable Television Advisory Council of Southeastern Connecticut Grant Referral**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COUNCIL OF SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT

WHEREAS, the Cable Television Advisory Council of Southeastern Connecticut is accepting applications for a one-time grant in the amount of \$7,000 to support local public, education, and government capabilities within each town in the Comcast and Thames Valley cable franchise services areas, and

WHEREAS, the grant would be used by the Library to purchase remote control cameras that would be installed in the Groton Senior Center's main activity room and used to record and televise Town meetings and events, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger or his designated agent is authorized to submit a grant application in the amount of \$7,000 for the Cable Television Advisory Council of Southeastern Connecticut.

**Legislative History**

4/15/2013 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

4/23/2013 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

**2013-0124 Historic Documents Preservation Grant (2014) Referral**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A CONTRACT FOR A HISTORIC DOCUMENTS PRESERVATION GRANT

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton will benefit by the continuance of the Historic Document Preservation Program which will be enabled and enhanced by grant funding, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Mark R. Oefinger, Town Manager of the Town of Groton, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Documents Preservation Grant.

**Legislative History**

4/17/2013 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

4/23/2013 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

**2013-0131 Public Hearing on Proposed Lease for Cell Tower on Gary Court Referral**

RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED LEASE OF TOWN PROPERTY ON GARY COURT TO SBA TOWERS III, LLC FOR A PROPOSED CELL TOWER

RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Council will hold a public hearing as per CGS Sec. 7-163e on a

proposed lease of Town-owned property on Gary Court to SBA Towers III, LLC for a proposed cell tower on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, at 7:30 p.m., at Town Hall Annex, Community Room 1.

### Legislative History

4/23/2013	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution
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**2013-0132 Referral of Lease of Town-Owned Property on Gary Court to Planning Commission Under CGS Section 8-24**

## Referral

## RESOLUTION REFERRING THE PROPOSED LEASE OF PROPERTY ON GARY COURT FOR A CELL TOWER TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Town Council has reviewed a proposed lease between the Town of Groton and SBA Towers III, LLC for a portion of Town-owned land on Gary Court for a proposed cell tower, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council refers the proposed lease of a portion of Town-owned land on Gary Court to the Groton Planning Commission pursuant to CGS Section 8-24.

### Legislative History

<b>4/23/2013</b>	<b>Town Council Committee of the Whole</b>	<b>Recommended for a Resolution</b>
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## XI. OTHER BUSINESS

## XII. ADJOURNMENT